Upstairs Display for Funeral Home:
Charles B. Thomas, the founder of Thomas Funeral Home, began his career as an undertaker in 1904 as an apprentice for Moore & Ferguson Undertakers in Brazil, Indiana. Charles then worked for the Ledbetter Funeral Home in Greencastle, before later moving back to Perth shortly after. Then, in 1909, he moved his undertaking business to Rosedale, Indiana. In 1917, Charles and his wife, Lettie Mae Thomas, moved to Terre Haute and together opened the Thomas Funeral Home at 1259 Lafayette, Aveneue, in a three room building where the Swan Theater now stands.

The business was so successful that Charles and Lettie Mae needed larger quarters, and in 1922 they built the original portion of the current building, a one-and-a-half story brick veneer bungalow with a large front porch. The family lived in the building on the second floor of the home. As the funeral home became more successful over the years, the Thomas' were able to improve and expand the building one piece at a time, including purchasing the property to the south where they created a beautiful lawn in 1937, and the 1950s saw the addition of what is now the children's area.

Downstairs Display for Twelve Points:
In the late 1800s, the area of Twelve Points was farmland dotted with only a few buildings. In 1897, Walter Phillips, "The Father of Twelve Points", began in earnest to develop the neighborhood. Phillips rapidly purchased property after property and erected the building that would house many of Twelve Points flourishing businesses.

In the early years, the area around Twelve Points was largely dirt roads and farmland dotted with a few houses and businesses. Largely through the efforts of Walter Phillips and other early businessmen, the community grew and flourished. By the 1920s, Twelve Points had grown to include a bank, a hotel, a movie theater, three doctors offices, seven bakeries, twenty groceries, and many other businesses. By the 1950s, when US-41 and IN-63 still ran down Lafayette Avenue, Twelve Points could boast that every building was occupied and every business prospered.